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DEPARTMENT FOR P - DRUSSEL, EAP, EAP/CM

E.O. 12356: DECI: 8/10/2000  
TAGS: OVIP (TARNOFF, PETER), PREL, OTRA, CH  
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY TARNOFF'S TRAVEL TO CHINA;  
CHINA PROPOSES AUGUST 26-27 FOR TALKS

REP: (A) BEIJING 35460, (B) STATE 186768

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. MFA INFORMED EMBASSY ON AUGUST 10 THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LI ZHAOXING WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 24-25, THE DATES PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR UNDER SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS IN BEIJING. MFA PROPOSED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS INSTEAD BE HELD ON AUGUST 26-27.
3. MFA ALSO OFFERED COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE TRIP (REF B). THEY REQUEST THAT WE CHANGE "REVIEW A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES," TO "REVIEW A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING TAIWAN." MFA SAID THAT, AFTER THIS CHANGE, PRESS STATEMENT LANGUAGE BETTER REFLECTED THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND VICE PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN IN BRUNEI TO FOCUS ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF LEE TENG-HUI'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES.
4. PLEASE ADVISE RE: (A) OUR RESPONSE TO CHINA'S COUNTERPROPOSAL ON DATES, AND (B) ANY RESPONSE TO CHINA'S PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PRESS STATEMENT.
5. COMMENT: THE REQUESTED CHANGE TO PRESS STATEMENT LANGUAGE REFLECTS BEIJING'S INTENTION TO KEEP THE TALKS FOCUSED ON TAIWAN. ON DATES, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE CHINESE COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR THE TIMING OF U/S TARNOFF'S VISIT REFLECTS GENUINE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES IN VICE MINISTER LI'S SCHEDULE; MFA OFFICIALS ARE NOT WONT TO SCHEDULE WORK OVER A WEEKEND IF THEY CAN HELP IT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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